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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Economic Research Area, ORR

SUBJECT: Further Comments on the ORR/ERA Research Program  
for Fiscal 1965

1. Since sending you ONE's initial comments on the draft ORR/ERA Research Program for the next fiscal year, we have heard informally that you contemplate reducing the research effort hitherto placed on analyzing the costs of the nuclear programs of various free world countries. If at all possible, we would hope that such a cutback could be avoided.

research effort on this subject. We may very well have to do another NIE on it before the year is out. On the question of nuclear proliferation, as more nations approach or achieve a technical capability to produce nuclear weapons, more rather than less research time may be necessary to analyze the costs of various national nuclear programs and the burden of these programs to the various economies.

3. For these reasons, ONE would hope that no less research time on the above subjects would be spent in fiscal 1965 <sup>than</sup> has been spent in the current year. We recognize, of course, that other factors not known to us may influence your decision.

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